



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

— *Lee Holloway* —
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MITCHELL'S SUCCESS IS NO MISTAKE; COUNTY OVERSIGHT DELIVERS RESULTS

Milwaukee County's airport outpaces all others

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway released the following statement regarding record passenger numbers at General Mitchell International Airport:

“Milwaukee County’s General Mitchell International Airport is becoming America’s true low-fare hub. Mitchell became the fastest growing airport in the nation beginning in the fourth quarter of last year, and the nearly 40% increase in the first quarter of this year continues that trend. The level of passenger growth at Milwaukee is unheard of in today’s air transportation industry.

“Our success should be credited to those who provide policy direction and administration for the airport, including Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., Chairman of the County Board’s Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee, and Airport Director Barry Bateman. They are both doing a wonderful job. Credit should also go to AirTran Airways, Republic Airways (Midwest and Frontier) and Southwest Airlines, which have all added service during the past year. AirTran recently established a hub in Milwaukee, second only to Atlanta. Republic is moving maintenance jobs here and expects to grow its Milwaukee hub further.

“This competition, combined with steady oversight from Milwaukee County, are key reasons for Mitchell’s success. This is why I have opposed attempts to sell the airport to an outside vendor. The County Board is effectively managing the growth of our airport. I am pleased that attempts to lease the airport to a private firm have been unsuccessful, because we may not have seen the same results.”

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